

## **Subpart A            Tract Selection**

### **WA518.02            Mandatory Tract Selections to Be Added to the National Sample at the Local Level**

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#### **c            Tracts for five Percent of all FSA Farm Credit Loans**

A Memorandum of Agreement between FSA and NRCS has been developed for generating a list of FSA Credit Loan borrower tracts subject to NRCS status review (See Part 527).

NRCS procedures to carry out the MOA are listed below.

Upon receipt of the list from FSA, the NRCS office that serves the County will take the following actions:

- Determine the number of borrowers requiring a review. If there are less than 20 borrowers in a County, stop. No tracts are required to be added for review. If there are at least 20 borrowers, multiply the total number of names on the list by 5 percent.
- Compare the FSA list of tracts associated with the names against the national tract list to identify matches between the two.
- If there are enough tract matches to satisfy the 5 percent borrower requirement, stop. Document your results. No additional status reviews would need to be added to the county list. Notify the District Conservationist (DC) of the results.
- If there are not enough matches to meet the 5 percent requirement, select the additional needed names using a random generation process. Then select the lowest number tract associated with each name. These tracts will be added to the county status review list with a Category designation of “Assigned by Another Agency or Whistleblower”. Document the actions, and notify the DC of the results.

#### ***Example:***

NRCS receives from FSA a list of alpha-numerically sorted borrower names and tracts for a County. The list has 60 names with 90 tracts.

NRCS determines that 3 borrowers require a status review  
(60 names x 0.05 = 3).

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A comparison is made of the FSA list against the national status review tract list. There are 10 tract matches, but only involve 2 borrowers. A random generator is used to select one additional borrower. This borrower has 4 tracts on the FSA list. The lowest tract number is selected to complete the 5 percent borrower requirement, which will be added to the County's status review database. The process is documented.

The DC notifies the appropriate Program Liaison of the results of the process.

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